

15th May 2019

Dear Students and Parents/Carers

Year 12 Next Steps Events Friday 21st June and Thursday 11th July

The following events form part of our continued support for Year 12 students aimed at helping them prepare for life after college, whether that is in higher education, an apprenticeship or employment.

Bedfordshire Higher Education Exhibition: Friday 21st June 9.00am – 12.30pm at the University of Bedfordshire

This event is hosted by the University of Bedfordshire at their **Bedford campus** on Polhill Avenue. Students will have a chance to meet representatives from over 80 colleges and universities, the Armed Forces and gap year providers. Talks covering a range of related topics will run during the morning, therefore it is highly beneficial for your son/daughter to attend this event to help them understand and explore the options that are available to them on leaving college.

College staff will be present on the day to support the students and we will be providing transport to and from the event; there will be a coach service for 150 students and places will be reserved on a first come, first served basis. We do ask for a voluntary contribution of £3.00 to use this service. The coach will depart from **Wootton at 8.25am** and **Kimberley at 9.00am** and will then depart from Bedfordshire University at **12.30pm** and return to Kimberley.

In order to gain quicker entry to the event, **students are required to register and print a ticket**, which they must produce at the entrance; failure to do so will mean a delay in admittance which could impact on their ability to attend key presentations and visit chosen university representatives. Please register using the following link <https://www.ucas.com/events/bedfordshire-higher-education-exhibition-339431>, select 'Book now' → join group booking → I am a student → enter the booking reference **UCASBKN344507** → then complete your details.

If your son/daughter does not wish to attend, **they will still be required to attend college on this day** and will be participating in supervised private study.

Next Steps Day @ Kimberley College: Thursday 11th July 9am - 3.10pm

We have worked over a number of years with a range of experts, who come into college and work with students on a more practical level to build on the information gained at the previous UCAS event. One of the many aspects of this day is the "Preparing for Higher Education" programme, where students will **begin the UCAS (university application) process**. This is an **essential day** for students as it will provide them with information on the application process, writing personal statements, how to live on a budget at university, and student finance.

Once UCAS have informed the college that 'Apply 2020' is available, we will be contacting the students so that they can register with UCAS prior to this event, this will then ensure they can begin completing their application form swiftly on the day. Please **do not** attempt to register with UCAS **until you have confirmation from the college**.

For those students **not intending to apply to university**, a “Preparing for Employment” programme will be running, focusing on degree apprenticeships, apprenticeships and employment including CV writing and the chance to experience aspects of the recruitment process with feedback from employers. For those students who are unsure of what they want to do, we recommend beginning the UCAS process, and for those who want support with employment, there will be an opportunity to attend the employment programme, in the autumn term.

To attend the Higher Education Exhibition on 21st June parents **MUST** complete and sign the attached PIC form (a hard copy is also available from reception) and return it to reception along with the £3.00 voluntary payment by **7th June**.

We do hope that your son/daughter will take full advantage of these important events.

Yours sincerely,



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